

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

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**Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church!** Welcome to all and we extend a special welcome to our guests. Please sign the Guest Register, introduce yourself to the Pastor, and please, come and worship with us again.

Worship is a time when our Lord speaks and gives and we listen and receive his gifts of mercy, presence and forgiveness. We respond in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Enter, please, in silence for prayer and meditation.

Please keep a time before worship begins for silence and prayer and meditation. You may use this prayer to prepare for worship:

## **Please note these Lenten changes in our worship:**

- *No Alleluia's or Hymn of Praise: This liturgical "fast" reminds us of the repentance which Lent calls us to show forth in sorrow over our sin and faith in Christ.*
- *Purple: is a royal color from our King (Mk 15:17). It is a color of penance and sorrow.*
- *The "robing" of the cross dampens its brilliance in accordance with the humility of our Savior and our confession of the sin which Christ bears for us.*

Here is prayer for use before worship begins: taking Holy Communion:

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

+ **PRELUDE** +

Stand

## Hymn: Chief of Sinners Though I Be, #611

### Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28: 19)

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. (Hebrews 10:22)

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 124:8)

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** (Psalm 32:5)

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20: 19-23)

C **Amen.**

### Service of the Word

**Kyrie** (“Lord, have mercy”; Mark 10:47)



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

(The Hymn of Praise is omitted during Lent.)

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

### First Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 32:1-5 with Refrain** (The Choir or Cantor sings the verses; the congregation sings the refrain.)



#### **Refrain (Congregation)**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

#### **Refrain (Congregation)**

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

#### **Refrain (Congregation)**

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Refrain (Congregation)**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Verse for Lent (Joel 2:13)**

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in  
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics 'Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and'. The second staff continues with 'mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in'. The third staff concludes with 'stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading: St. Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

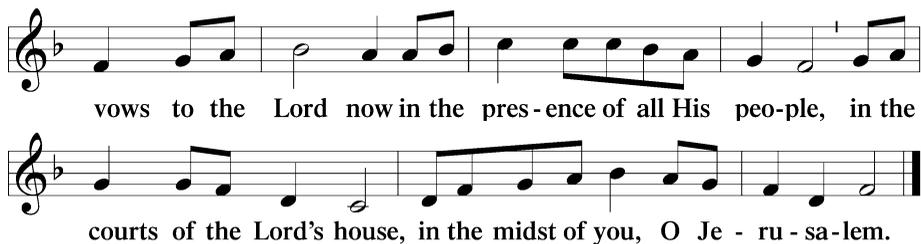
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn: God Loved the World So That He Gave, #571**

**Sermon**





vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Service of the Sacrament *(LSB 208)*

### Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.** *(2 Timothy 4:22)*

P Lift up your hearts.

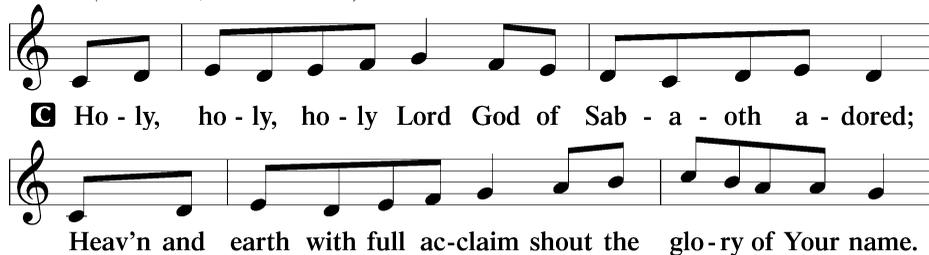
C **We lift them to the Lord.** *(Colossians 3:1)*

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** *(Psalm 136)*

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus *(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21: 9)*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho- san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer (Spoken by all)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord (Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14: 22-24, Luke 22: 19-20, 1 Corinthians 11: 23-25)

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini (Peace of the Lord) (John 20: 19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*(We greet one another, saying, "The Peace of the Lord.")*

**Agnus Dei** ("Lamb of God") (John 1: 29)

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

**Distribution Hymns**

- Lamb of God, #550
- Today Your Mercy Calls Us, #915
- Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed, #437
- Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness, #563

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis: Song of Simeon** (Luke 2: 29-32)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy  
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning;  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

### Post-Communion Collect

**P** *Let us pray ...* O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### Benedicamus and Benediction

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**Hymn: When I Behold Jesus Christ, #542**

### POSTLUDE

**TAKING THE LORD'S SUPPER AT REDEEMER ...** The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Redeemer in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, and any denial of His Holy Words, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Please fill out a Communion Registration Card (located in pew racks). If you are in any doubt about our confession of faith, are communing for the first time or are a member of another denomination, please speak to the Pastor before communing in person. Thank you.

**SERVING REDEEMER:**, Stephan Raddatz, Crucifer; Deanna Lowrance, Amy Huffman, Torch Bearers; Kelsie Lael, Zoey Rose, Acolytes; Redeemer Senior Choir; Barbara Sigmon Director and Organist; The Reverend Greg Alms, Pastor; Robert Benfield, Derran Medlin, Elder-Servers; Mr. & Mrs. Ken Edwards, Greeters; Mr. & Mrs. Brian Eury, Offertory Processors; Robert Benfield, Allen Bumgarner, Brian Eury, Robert Eury, Ushers.

**PLASTIC EASTER EGGS** are in the Narthex. Members are invited to take one or two bags, fill with candy (no chocolate) or trinket and return by April 14 for the Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt at Hunsucker Park.

**APRIL UPDATE AND CALENDAR** available this morning from Bill and Fran and contains additional announcements.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

### Members of Redeemer

Brooks Laney (Hernia Surgery this week) Edith Sigmon; Ann Steele; Mark Eury; Jackie Sherrill; Mark Bell; Bobby Matthews; Avis Matthews; Bert Sigmon; Jeannie Sigmon; Marilyn Fertig; Shirley Stewart.

### Friends of the Redeemer family

Ben Hernandez (terminal cancer - family friend of Jessica Bumgarner); Chris Worley (friend of Brian and Amanda Eury); Billy Bowen; Jason Smith; Joe Little; Bradley Lyda, Bryanna Edmondson; Genita Hill; Cheryl Kiser; Chris Averitt; Carol Pelto; Tom Hurley, Travis Smith; Brian Sullivan; Rick Talledira; Jerry Kanipe; Shirley Grindstaff; Wilma Hoke, Erin Sipe; Jerry Tibbs; Linda Richards.

If you, a friend or loved one has returned to normal activities or no longer need to be on the lists above, please drop a note in the offering plate or contact the church office so prayers of thanksgiving can be made and the name removed from the list. Thank you!